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SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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HIGH SECURITY NUMBER PLATES
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government pushed back the implementation date of high security number plates in new automobiles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has taken steps for procuring the high security number plates;

(e) if so, the details in this regard; and

(f) the main features of high security number plates?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c): The date of implementation of High Security Number Plates has been shifted from 1st January, 2005 to 31st May, 2005 or any earlier date as may be specified by a State Govt. for that said State. This has been done on requests made by a number of States who wanted more time to complete the process regarding selection of vendors to undertake the job.

(d) & (e): The new Number Plates are not to be procured by Central Government. These Plates are to be supplied in a State by vendor(s) who isauthorised by that particular State Govt.

(f): The main features of the Plates are as under:

i. Chromium hologram which is not easily replicable.

ii A Retro-reflective film, bearing a verification inscription `India` at 45 degree inclination, which cannot be easily replicated.

iii Laser Numbering, which is unique in nature containing alpha-numeric identification of both Testing Agencies and the manufacturers.

iv The registration numbers to be embossed on the plates making it difficult to be replicated.

v In case of rear registration plate, same is to be fitted with a non-reusable snap lock to make it tamper proof.

vi A Chromium based third registration plate in form of sticker is to be attached to the wind shield, wherein the number of engine and chassis are indicated alongwith the name of registering authority. If tampered with, it self destructs.

vii In front and rear registration plates, letter IND in blue color is hot stamped

viii Letters `IND` in blue colour on extreme left centre of the plates